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SENATE BILL

No. 1627

Introduced by Senator Kehoe

February 24, 2006

An act to add Sections 65850.6 and 65964 to the Government Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1627, as amended, Kehoe. Wireless telecommunication facilities.

The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any county or city to adopt ordinances that, among other things, regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between industry, business, residences, and open space.

This bill would require a city, including a charter city, or county to administratively approve an application to collocate a wireless telecommunications facility, as defined, through the issuance of a building permit or a nondiscretionary permit, as specified.

The Permit Streamlining Act defines the term "development project" to include projects involving the issuance of a permit for construction or reconstruction but not a permit to operate.

This bill would prohibit a city or county from taking certain actions as a condition of approval of an application for a permit for

construction or reconstruction for a development project for a wireless telecommunications facility, and would specify that a development project for a wireless telecommunications facility is not subject to a permit to operate.

By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 65850.6 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 65850.6. (a) A collocation facility shall be a permitted use
4 not subject to a city or county discretionary permit if it satisfies
5 the following requirements:
6 (1) The collocation facility is consistent with requirements for
7 the wireless telecommunications collocation facility pursuant to
8 subdivision (b) on which the collocation facility is proposed.
9 (2) The wireless telecommunications collocation facility on
10 which the collocation facility is proposed was subject to a
11 discretionary permit by the city or county and an environmental
12 impact report was certified, or a negative declaration or mitigated
13 negative declaration was adopted for the wireless
14 telecommunications collocation facility in compliance with the
15 California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing

1 with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code), the
2 requirements of Section 21166 do not apply, and the collocation
3 facility incorporates required mitigation measures specified in
4 that environmental impact report, negative declaration, or
5 mitigated negative declaration.

6 (b) A wireless telecommunications collocation facility, where
7 a subsequent collocation facility is a permitted use not subject to
8 a city or county discretionary permit pursuant to subdivision (a),
9 shall be subject to a city or county discretionary permit and shall
10 comply with all of the following:

11 (1) City or county requirements for a wireless
12 telecommunications collocation facility that specifies types of
13 wireless telecommunications facilities that are allowed to include
14 a collocation facility, or types of wireless telecommunications
15 facilities that are allowed to include certain types of collocation
16 facilities; height, location, bulk, and size of the wireless
17 telecommunications collocation facility; percentage of the
18 wireless telecommunications collocation facility that may be
19 occupied by collocation facilities; and aesthetic or design
20 requirements for the wireless telecommunications collocation
21 facility.

22 (2) City or county requirements for a proposed collocation
23 facility, including any types of collocation facilities that may be
24 allowed on a wireless telecommunications collocation facility;
25 height, location, bulk, and size of allowed collocation facilities;
26 and aesthetic or design requirements for a collocation facility.

27 (3) State and local requirements, including the general plan,
28 any applicable community plan or specific plan, and zoning
29 ordinance.

30 (4) The California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13
31 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code)
32 through certification of an environmental impact report, or
33 adoption of a negative declaration or mitigated negative
34 declaration.

35 (c) The city or county shall hold at least one public hearing on
36 the discretionary permit required pursuant to subdivision (b) and
37 notice shall be given pursuant to Section 65091, unless otherwise
38 required by this division.

39 (d) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
40 apply:

(1) “Collocation facility” means the placement or installation of wireless facilities, including antennas, and related equipment, on a wireless telecommunications collocation facility.

(2) “Wireless telecommunications facility” means equipment and network components such as towers, utility poles, transmitters, base stations, and emergency power systems that are integral to providing wireless telecommunications services.

(3) “Wireless telecommunications collocation facility” means a wireless telecommunications facility that includes collocation facilities.

(e) The Legislature finds and declares that a collocation facility, as defined in this section, has a significant economic impact in California and is not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution, but is a matter of statewide concern.

SEC. 2. Section 65964 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65964. As a condition of approval of an application for a permit for construction or reconstruction for a development project for a wireless telecommunications facility, as defined in Section 65850.6, a city or county shall not do any of the following:

(a) Require an escrow deposit for removal of a wireless telecommunications facility or any component thereof.

(b) Unreasonably limit the duration of any permit for a wireless telecommunications facility. Limits of less than 10 years are presumed to be unreasonable absent compelling land use or public safety reasons.

(c) Require that all wireless telecommunications facilities be limited to certain geographic areas or sites owned by particular parties within the jurisdiction of the city or county.

SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that a permit to operate a wireless telecommunications facility is not intended to preclude compliance with the Permit Streamlining Act (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 65920) of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code).

~~SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~

1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

3 *SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
4 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
5 *a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service*
6 *charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or*
7 *level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of*
8 *Section 17556 of the Government Code.*

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